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Abstract of the Disclosure

A shopping information providing server includes a customer database which stores the ID of a user and family information of the user in correspondence with each other, a menu database which stores a menu item, types of material necessary for the menu, and necessary quantities in correspondence with each other, and a special sale information database which stores a providing source, an article for special sale, and its price in correspondence with each other. In accordance with a request from the user, the server provides information of an article to be purchased, including special sale information, checks the reserve articles of the user on the stock information database, and generates and provides a shopping list including the reserve article without stock.